

Amendments to the Specification:

Please modify the paragraph at page 9, line 23 through page 10, line 3 in the following manner:

Fig. 1a is a view showing the case where the three-dimensional k space is divided by a plane ~~K_x-k_z~~ K_x-K_z defined by a read direction (K_x) and a slice encode direction (~~k_z~~) (K_z) into a high frequency measurement area B containing an origin and other low frequency measurement areas A and C in terms of $K_x = 0$ plane.